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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/02)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of claims

1. This action is in response to the application filed on 02/18/2004. Claims 1-25 are pending and are examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
3. Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bowman-Amuah, Michel K. (US Pat No: 6529909)
4. As regards claims 1 and 7, Bowman-Amuah discloses a system for streaming conversion of data from a first system to a second system, comprising:
 - an extractor component operable to extract a unit of data from the first system; [column 20, lines 25-34]
 - a translator component operable to convert the unit of data from a first data format compatible with the first system to a second data format compatible with the second system; [column 44 lines 65 to column 45 lines 1]
 - a loader component operable to load the unit of data converted to the second data format into the second system, the extractor, the translator, and loader components operable for conversion of the unit of data during normal operation of the first and second systems. [column 193 line 63 to column 194 line 8]
5. As regards claim 2, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the extractor component reads the unit of data from the first system to extract the data. [Column 251, lines 60 to 62]

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6. As regards claim 3, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the unit of data is further defined as an account having a portion of data in a first file and a portion of data in a second file, both the first and second files associated with the first system. [Column 82, lines 34-42]
7. As regards claim 4, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the unit of data is identified in the first system as converted to the second system after the loader component loads the unit of data into the second system. [column 12, lines 19-28]
8. As regards claim 5, Bowman-Amuah discloses, further comprising a hierarchy component operable to translate a hierarchy associated with the unit of data from the first data format to the second data format. [Column 112, line 48-54]
9. As regards claim 6, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the extractor, the translator, and loader components operate in parallel to convert units of data from the first system to the second system. [Column 162, lines 30-41]
10. As regards claim 8, Bowman-Amuah discloses, further comprising:
 - extracting a second unit of data from the database associated with the first system. [column 217, lines 31-40]
 - translating the unit of data; and translating the second unit of data from the first format to the second format while loading the unit of data into the database associated with the second system. [column 224 line 66 to column 225 line 9]
11. As regards claim 9, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the first and second systems are defined as billing systems. [column 143, lines 41-42]
12. As regards claim 10, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the first system is further defined as a legacy billing system. [column 143, lines 41-42]
13. As regards claim 11, Bowman-Amuah discloses, further comprising locking the unit of data in the database associated with the first system to restrict access to the unit of data during the extracting, translating, and loading. [column 58 line 50 to column 59 line 2]

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14. As regards claim 12, Bowman-Amuah discloses, further comprising updating an auditing component regarding a status of conversion of the unit of data. [column 54, lines 23-29]
15. As regards claim 13, Bowman-Amuah discloses, further comprising notifying a data warehouse that the unit of data has been converted to the second system. [column 58, lines 13-17]
16. As regards claim 14, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the first system is further defined as a first billing system, the second system is further defined as a second billing system, and the unit of data is at least a portion of a customer account, and wherein the method further comprises:
 - extracting unbilled usage related to the customer account from the first billing system; [column 20, lines 25-34]
 - updating, for other systems, the location of the customer account to the second billing system; [column 64, lines 3-12]
 - posting, by one of the other systems, unbilled usage related to the customer account to the first billing system after updating the location of the customer account to the second billing system; [column 179, lines 12-24]
 - extracting the subsequently posted unbilled usage from the first billing system; [column 20, lines 25-34]
 - comparing the unbilled usage from the second billing system to the unbilled usage extracted from the first billing system to identify new unbilled usage related to the customer account; [column 280, lines 60-64]
 - loading the new unbilled usage to the second billing system. [column 193 line 63 to column 194 line 8]
17. As regards claim 15, Bowman-Amuah discloses a system for streaming conversion of data, comprising: a first system having data in a first format; a second system having data in a second format;
 - a data warehouse in communication with the first and second systems and operable to store portions of data from the first and second systems; [column 23 , lines 35-39]

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- an auditing system operable to monitor changes to data in the first and second systems; [column 18, lines 13-33]
 - an enterprise system maintaining standards related to data in the first and second systems; [column 26 line 66 to column 27 line 3]
 - an extractor component operable to extract a unit of data from the first system; [column 20, lines 25-34]
 - a translator component operable to convert the unit of data from the first format compatible with the first system to the second format compatible with the second system; [column 44 lines 65 to column 45 lines 1]
 - a loader component operable to load the unit of data converted to the second format into the second system, the extractor, the translator, and loader components operable for conversion of the unit of data during normal operation of the first and second systems. [column 193 line 63 to column 194 line 8]
 - a audit component operable to notify the audit system regarding the conversion of the unit of data; [column 18, lines 13-33]
 - a warehouse component operable to notify the data warehouse regarding the conversion of the unit of data to the second system. [Column 23, lines 35-39]
18. As regards claim 16, Bowman-Amuah discloses, 'further comprising: a controller to parallelize conversion of the unit of data by directing the extractor component, the translator component, and the loader component. [column 64, lines 29-37]
19. As regards claim 17, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the audit component and the warehouse component are operably coupled to the controller. [column 200, lines 3-6]
20. As regards claim 18, Bowman-Amuah discloses, further comprising a hierarchy component in communication with the controller and operable to translate hierarchy information related to the single customer. [column 201, lines 60-66]
21. As regards claim 19, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the controller is operable to promote locking only a portion of data of the first system related to the unit of data such that the first system is operable with a second portion of the

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data of the first system during the conversion of the unit of data to the second system. [column 64, lines 51-59]

22. As regards claim 20, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the second portion of data of the first system is further defined as the data of the first system other than the unit of data. [column 12, lines 19-28]
23. As regards claim 21, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the first and second systems are further defined as billing systems and wherein the unit of data is further defined as account information for a customer. [column 130, lines 18-33]
24. As regards claim 22, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the unit of data is further defined as account information for a single customer. [column 130, lines 18-33]
25. As regards claims 23 and 25, Bowman-Amuah discloses, wherein the unit of data comprises billing history for a single customer. [column 130, lines 18-33]
26. As regards claim 24, Bowman-Amuah discloses, further comprising:
 - a plurality of extractor components each operable to extract separate units of data from the first system and write the extracted units of data to a file; [column 20, lines 25-34]
 - a plurality of translator components each operable to read one of the units of data from the file and convert the unit of data from the first formal compatible with the first system to the second formal compatible with the second system; [column 44 lines 65 to column 45 lines 1]
 - a queue used by the plurality of extractors and plurality of translators to coordinate the extraction and translation of the units of data. [column 116, lines 49-58]

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN A. ANDERSON whose telephone number is (571)270-3327. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 5:00 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Dixon can be reached on 571-272-6803. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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